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#### **Wabash County** 4-H Fair schedule announced

during this time. Thank you.

- Tuesday, July 7: 7:30 p.m. Public Fashion Revue at Legacy Hall in the Honeywell
- Wednesday, July 8: 7 p.m. 10-year Member Recognition at the Honeywell Center.
- Friday, July 10: 10 a.m. Horse and Pony Show.
- Sunday, July 12: 3:30 p.m. – Rabbit Show.
- Monday, July 13: 10 a.m. - Beef Show; and 3 p.m. -Poultry Show.
- Tuesday, July 14: 10 a.m. - Sheep Show; and noon -Meat Goat, Goat, and Pygmy Goat shows, in that order.
- Wednesday, July 15: 1 p.m. – Dairy Show.
- Thursday, July 16: 10 a.m. Swine Show, beginning with showmanship.
- Saturday, July 18: 1 p.m. - Champion pictures; and 2:30 p.m. - Senior sweatshirt, Achievement and Parade of Champions.

#### 'Blue Rally' planned to support law enforcement

A "Blue Rally" as a show of support for those who work in law enforcement is being organized for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 at the Wabash County Courthouse steps. Confirmed speakers include Barbara Pearson, Wabash County Republican Party chair; Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington; Terry Brewer, Wabash city councilman; Tim Morbitzer, Victory Christian Fellowship pastor; and Emery McClendon, a tea party organizer from Fort Wayne. For

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# Town council approves \$15K **Manchester Alive contribution**

Request approved after presentation at last month's meeting

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The North Manchester Town Council approved a \$15,000 Alive during their monthly

meeting Wednesday, July 1,

clerk-treasurer.

At last month's meeting, Brooke Vanderpool, executive director of Manchester Alive, made the organization's pitch to the council for their proposed contribution.

"People have no clue how Gala, "to name a few." many things we have to keep track of," said Vanderpool.

Vanderpool said the partcontribution to Manchester nership between the North Manchester Chamber of Commerce and Manchester according to Carrie Mugford, Main Street had just com-

pleted a year under the name Manchester Alive. During that COVID-19 pandemic had time, the organization had hosted a golf outing, FunFest, Harvest Arts Fest, Manchester University Welcoming,

"We are creating a story of 'community' and quality of place here in North Manchester. Our story is one that will entice others to come visit and stay here in North Manchester," said Vanderpool.

Vanderpool presented unique challenges to the organization.

"We lost investor dollars as businesses in our commu-Christmas Downtown and the nity were asked to close, to chose to close, for the safety of their employees. We have a plan to recover and start the celebration over," said Vanderpool. "Manchester Alive will continue to promote and encourage our small businesses, grow our partnerships and

promote the entire community as a place to live, work and

The \$15,000 which was requested and approved was the same amount as in previous

"Together we have been able to help increase grant opportunities for the community," said Vanderpool.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplain dealer.com.

## Non-Livestock judging begins at Wabash County 4-H Fair



Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer On Monday, at the Wabash County 4-H Fairgrounds, children and parents lined up based on their last names to drop off their Non-Live-

stock Projects to be judged at this year's fair.

Review of entries will take place Tuesday and be closed to the public

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Jessi Huston, Wabash County Purdue Extension 4-H youth development coordinator, said unlike previous years, the judging will take place Tuesday and be closed to the public.

"We normally have open judging," said Huston. "The kids get to sit down with the judges and talk about their



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## ISDH adds three local COVID-19 cases over the holiday weekend

The state still reports two local deaths, and now reports 2,420 tests, 112 cases

#### **Staff Report**

Over the Independence Day holiday weekend, the Indiana State Department of Health added three more local COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 112.

On Friday, the ISDH reported 2,349 tests and added another local case, bringing Wabash County's total to 110. On Saturday, the ISDH reported 2,373 tests and added two more local cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 112. On Sunday, the ISDH re-

ported 2,401 tests. On Monday, the ISDH reported 2,420 tests.

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local deaths. Statewide on Monday,

the ISDH announced that additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 48,331 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's total, according to Megan Wade-Taxter, media relations coordinator.

The intensive care unit and ventilator capacity remain steady. As of Monday, nearly 43 percent of ICU beds and

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## Salamonie Preschool 'C is for Camping' program planned July 8th

Event set to last from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 8

## Staff REPORT

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's "C is for Camping" from 1-2:30 p.m. at 260-468-2127. Wednesday, July 8 at the Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost er UWIS programs, see dnr. Bridge West State Recreation IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/ Area, 3691 New Holland Road, upperwabash, or call 260-468-Andrews, according to Teresa 2127. Rody, interpretive naturalist.

"This program is designed to dnr.IN.gov.

enhance the preschooler's basic education, including music, crafts, social interaction and time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme," said Rody.

The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is required. Limited seating is available.

Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services For more information on oth-

For more information, visit

## Parkview Health again named one of nation's 15 Top Health Systems

Two Parkview hospitals also earn recognition among 100 Top Hospitals

#### **Staff Report**

For the second year in a row, Parkview Health has been named to the IBM Watson Health 15 Top Health Systems list, recognizing the regional health care provider as one of the top-performing health systems in the United States, according to Tami Brigle, public relations manager.

The list is comprised shorter lengths of stay, fastof the top five systems er emergency care, higher in three categories - scores on patient ratings in the nation among medium-sized health systems.

IBM Watson Health identified the 15 Top Health Systems from a rigorous systems and 2,492 hospitals that are members of health systems. The annual

large, medium and small. of their overall hospital Parkview is ranked third experience and lower episode-of-care expenses for the in-hospital through the aftercare process. As part of the annual evaluation of 332 health Hospital and Parkview list recognizes excellence Hospitals list. This is the in clinical outcomes, op-

study, Parkview Noble Huntington Hospital also made the Fortune/IBM Watson Health 100 Top third consecutive year for erational efficiency and Parkview Noble Hospital patient experience. Perfor- to make the list, and the mance indicators include seventh time in 11 years fewer complications, lower for Parkview Huntington 30-day readmission rates, Hospital.

#### **PULSE**

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more information, visit https:// tinyurl.com/y79ku58h.

#### **Blood donation** opportunity scheduled for July 8

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 at the Richvalley Community Center, 56 W. Mill St.

**Wabash Art Guild workshop** approaching

The Wabash Art Guild is set to host an acrylics-painting workshop featuring Terry Pulley. The deadline for entries is Monday, July 6. The workshop itself is set for Thursday, July 9 at Wabash Christian Church, 110 W. Hill St. Set-up starts at 8:30 a.m. The class will begin at 9 a.m. with a break to eat a bring-your-own sack-lunch. The workshop will continue until about 3 p.m. For more information. call 574-453-6772 or email theartgiraffe@yahoo.com.

#### **Blood donation** opportunity scheduled for July 14

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 14 at the Wabash County 4-H Fairgrounds, 660 Gillen Ave.

**North Manchester Center for History** open once again

The North Manchester Center for History has reopened once again and has been selected by Indiana Humanities to host a Smithsonian-curated traveling exhibit called "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" as part of the Museum on Main Street program. The exhibition, which examines the evolving landscape of rural America, is on display through Friday, July 17 at 122 E. Main St., North Manchester. For more information, visit https://museumon mainstreet.org/content/ crossroads or https://northmanchestercenterforhistory.org

#### **North Manchester** Rotary grills up chicken July 18

The third annual North Manchester Rotary Grilled Chicken BBQ is set to last from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 18, in the parking lot in front of New Market, 1204 E. Indiana 114, North Manchester. A meal is two pieces of chicken, chips and a drink for \$7. A small meal is one piece of chicken, chips and a drink for \$5. It is drive-thru pickup only. Volunteers will wear masks and gloves. All proceeds from the event go to local organizations and causes. For more information, visit https:// portal.clubrunner.ca/4154/.

#### **Blood donation** opportunity scheduled for July 21

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 21 at the First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

#### **Volunteer Work Day** scheduled at Salamonie

Volunteers are invited to join in a "Volunteer Work Day" to be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 23 at the Salamonie Lake's Interpretive and Nature Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Projects may include repairs made to the shelter, raptor center; weeding, invasive species work; and clean-up in areas of the center. Volunteers should be sure to wear appropriate shoes and clothing and bring refillable water bottles and bug spray. Those who are under 12 years old should have an adult present. To register or for more information, call 260-468-2127.

#### **30th Annual Wabash** Co. Festivals **Scholarship Pageant** to be held July 24

The pageant will be held Friday, July 24, in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center. Anyone wishing to donate toward the scholarships may do so by sending a check to Bev Vanderpool, 73 W. Sheridan St, Wabash, IN 46992. Checks should be marked "Scholarship Pageant." The Wabash County Festivals Pageant is a nonprofit, therefore all donations are tax-deductible. For more infor-

mation, visit the Wabash County Festivals Pageant Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ wabashcountyfestivals scholarshippageant, or contact any of the directors.

#### **Wabash Kiwanis** Club Pancake Day rescheduled for July 25

After being rescheduled for a second time, the Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day for Saturday, July 25. After a year at the Wabash Presbyterian Church, Pancake Day will return to the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue in Wabash. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available by emailing Kiwanian Donna Siders at donnasiders@ hotmail.com or calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support. The event's Pancake Eating Contest, sponsored by Midwest Eye Consultants, will take place that day at noon. The Club's president, Mike Keaffaber, is the event's chairperson for 2020. Those who have questions or ideas regarding the event may email Keaffaber at keaffaberm@msdwc.k12.in.us.

#### **Indiana 16 to** close for pavement improvements

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has closed Indiana 16 in both directions between Indiana 105 and County Line Road for pavement improvements. During the closure, the official state highway detour will follow Indiana 105, Highway 24 and Indiana 13. Indiana 16 is expected to reopen by late July. Drivers should slow down and be alert for works crews in the area of the closure.

#### **Clark Gallery** to feature 2020 themed art exhibit

The Clark Gallery in the Honevwell Center will host its 2020 Themed Art Competition titled "Dreams" through Sunday, Aug. 16. Accepted and featured entries can be picked up after the exhibit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17. For more information, visit Honey wellCenter.org/dreams.

#### 'Liking for Biking' riding series takes to the road for the fourth year

Through Aug. 28, anyone who is interested in a "free, family-friendly" 60-minute bike ride is invited to meet at Paradise Spring Historical Park's upper pavilion at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday. Volunteers from the Spikes and Bikes Bike Club and the Rock City Bike Club have offered to lead the weekly rides in a "fun and engaging atmosphere." Those interested in participating or volunteering for the ride can get more information by going online to www. visitwabashcounty.com/ adventure-series or by calling the Welcome Center at 260-563-7171.

#### Woman's **Clubhouse hopes to** pick up 2020-2021 schedule in August

Out of an abundance of caution, the Woman's Clubhouse will not meet for its final luncheon of the 2019-2020 season in June. The group will send the 2020-2021 program and luncheon schedule in August for the new year and they will vote on officers for the new calendar year in September. Anyone who would like to nominate someone for an office should call Ellen Stouffer at 260-571-5339. The group needs a volunteer to take over the membership organization.

#### **Manchester** University announces plan

to open in fall 2020 In-person classes will begin Sept. 2. Like many schools,

Manchester will move to

remote teaching and learning

after Thanksgiving. The semester will end Dec. 18.

#### The Honeywell Ladies **Golf Association** begins play

The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association has begun play. This year, most Tuesdays will be a scramble event. Newcomers are welcome and there is a \$10 membership fee to cover various expenses. Call the clubhouse at 260-563-8663 by 9 a.m. Monday before to register.

#### Registration for annual Dam to Dam Century Ride and new triathlon now open

Visit Wabash County has announced registration for the Dam to Dam Century Ride and the DAM(N)!MAN! triathlon is now open. D!M! will take place on the same day as the Dam to Dam Century Ride – Sunday, Sept. 13 – and will incorporate the newest and longest 150mile bike route, plus a 3.1mile swim and will end with a 31-mile run. The registration fee for the triathlon is \$135, however, participants can use promo code DMSAVE40 to save \$40 for a limited time. For more information, visit www. visitwabashcounty.com/ adventure-series or call 260-563-7171.

#### Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market season open Saturdays through Sept. 26 The Downtown Wabash

Farmers Market is set from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays in the Honeywell Center and Wabash Elk's Parking Lot, located corner of Cass and Market streets. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. Guests can expect to see a Limited Market Model in response to COVID-19. Some of the precautions include one entrance to the market at the northeast corner, a limited number of shoppers, social distancing at least 6 feet, masks and gloves recommended and a sanitizer station provided. Masks and gloves are recommended to be worn by shoppers. There is construction on Cass Street. Alternate routes on Carroll and Market Streets are available. Vendors are still being accepted for the full season, half-season and one-time rates. For more information, call 260-563-0975 or visit www.wabashmarketplace.org.

#### Indiana 105 bridge at Salamonie Lake closed

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to re-open Sunday, Nov. 15.

#### **Hawkins Farms kicks** off Pizza Fridays benefiting HOPE CSA

Hawkins Family Farm is hosting "Tailgating on the Farm" from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays at 10373 N. 300 East, North Manchester, diners will be able to order online or by phone their all-natural, locally-sourced artisan pizzas baked in an outdoor, woodfired brick oven. Standard pizzas range from \$10 to \$20, payable by credit card or Apple Pay. All profits from Fridays on the Farm benefit HOPE CSA (Hands-On Pastoral Education using Clergy Sustaining Agriculture). For more information, visit www.hawkinsfamilyfarm. com or www.hopecsa.org.

#### **Laketon American Legion open**

The Laketon American Legion is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays serving breakfast and lunch. On Saturdays, only breakfast will be served from 6 to 11 a.m. On Sundays, they are closed.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

#### 5-Day Weather Summary



Wednesday Partly Cloudy

93 / 75

Sun and Moon ..... 9:21 p.m.

Tomorrow's sunrise. New

Tuesday

Partly Cloudy

92/71

Today's sunset ...

Last

6:24 a.m. First Full

Chance T-storms

91 / 74

Thursday

Friday

89 / 72



Saturday Isolated T-storms

Scattered T-storms 87 / 68

**Detailed Local Outlook** Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 92°, humidity of 52%. Light winds. The heat index for today could reach up to 97°. Expect partly cloudy

skies tonight with an overnight low of 71°. Light winds.

## Eye tracking tests may help diagnose alzheimer's disease

work?

researchers continue their types of dementia just by the simple number and arithmefinitive di-

Elizabeth Ko

& Eve Glazier

Ask the

**Doctors** 

agnostic test for Alzheimer's disease, they haven't reached that goal at this time. However, they continue to make advances in the field, including recent

studies that suggest impaired eye movement may be a predictive symptom in some cases. We don't yet have a cure for Alzheimer's disease, but early intervention has been linked to better outcomes for patients, including an improved quality of life. That makes any developments that aid in di-

agnosis important. As most of you probably know, Alzheimer's is a progressive disease. Physical changes that occur within the brain gradually result in cognitive impairment and dementia. Although Alzheimer's disease is most often seen in older adults, it is not considered a normal part of aging. Symptoms include a decline in memory, thinking, speech, judgment, concentration and the ability to carry out tasks. The disease also results in changes to mood and personality. Other types of dementia and cognitive impairment share many of the same symptoms, which makes early diagnosis more challenging. A diagnosis of Alzheimer's involves a range of screening processes, including a neurological exam, tests to assess cognition and mental status, genetic testing and brain imaging scans. For some patients in the early stages of the disease, watchful waiting is a necessary - and sometimes frustrating

– part of the process. The study you're asking about looks into impaired eye movement as a diagnostic tool in at-risk patients. Participants with two different types of cognitive impairment were assigned visual tasks on a computer screen. For example, they were asked to look at the left side of the screen whenever a flashing icon appears on the right side. A device that can measure 500 eye movements

#### **READERS' CHOICE REPORTS**

#### SUNDAY'S **LOTTERIES**

Cash 5 12-28-32-35-44 Estimated jackpot: \$105,000 Cash4Life 11-15-21-52-58, Cash Ball: 3 Daily Three-Midday 4-3-2, SB: 8 **Daily Three-Evening** 4-9-0, SB: 7 Daily Four-Midday 7-4-7-9, SB: 8 Daily Four-Evening 7-2-2-7, SB: 7 Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$73 million Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$69 million

## MONDAY'S METALS

Aluminum	
Copper	2.73
Lead	0.80
Zinc	
Gold	1.783.43
Silver	18.26
Platinum	829.29

**AREA GRAIN** 

Estimated grain prices Mon-

day at Indianapolis-area el-

evators: Corn: \$3.51. Soy-

beans: \$8.84.

Alzheimer's diagnosis.

The takeaway here is that for predicting whether someone with mild cognitive immeans instead of waiting for earlier than is now possible.

Without a cure for Alzheiapies developed to prolong cannot be provided.

**DEAR DOCTOR:** I've heard per second then analyzed how and increase independence that there's finally a test for well each person complet- and improve quality of life. Alzheimer's disease, and that ed the task. The researchers These include memory trainit has to do with your eyes. found that the visual behav- ing, mental stimulation, so-What is it, and how does it ior of each group was unique cial integration and physical enough that they could dif- exercise programs. Cognitive **DEAR READER:** Although ferentiate between the two therapies, such as puzzles, search for a single and de-results of the tests. Even more tic problems and memory expromising was the fact that ercises have also been shown the eye movement pattern in to have a benefit. These are one type of dementia, where all most successful before people struggled to look at Alzheimer's disease has prothe correct side of the screen, gressed too far, which makes was similar to those with an early diagnosis all the more important.

Eve Glazier, M.D., MBA, is an eye tracking shows potential internist and associate professor of medicine at UCLA Health. Elizabeth Ko. M.D., is an internist and assispairment is likely to progress tant professor of medicine at UCLA to Alzheimer's disease. That Health. Send your questions to askthedoctors@mednet.ucla.edu. advancing symptoms, more or write: Ask the Doctors, c/o UCLA patients could begin treatment Health Sciences Media Relations, 10880 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1450, Los Angeles, CA, 90024. Owing to mer's, patients rely on ther- the volume of mail, personal replies



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#### **TeLisa Kay Larrowe**

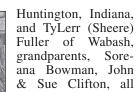
March 27 1983 - July 4 2020

TeLisa Kay Larrowe, 37, of Wabash, Indiana, went to be with her Lord, at 2:30 am, Saturday, July 4, 2020 at her home. She was born March

ana to Edward Clifton and Brenda (Butcher) Fuller. attended

Freedom Life Community Church in Wabash. She loved animals, fishing, camping, her pets, and fish, in her several aquariums.

husband, Todd Larrowe, fiance, Chad Morris, and three children, Braydn Freeman, Alexya Freeman, and bash, father and step mothof Battle Ground, Indiana, home. mother and step father, (Christina Dixon) Clifton of com.



ana Bowman, John & Sue Clifton, all of Wabash, and two 27, 1983 in Wabash, Indi- step sisters, Robin Meyers of Lafayette, Indiana, and Briannia Griffin of West Lafayette, Indiana. She was

and Bill Bowman. Funeral services will be 10:00 am Friday, July 10, She is survived by her 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Tim Morrisett officiating. Burial will be Calista Larrowe, all of Wa- in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-8 pm er, Edward and IolaClifton Thursday, at the funeral

The memorial guest book Brenda and Frank Fuller of for TeLisa may be signed Wabash, two brothers, Eric at www.grandstaff-hentgen.

#### **Nancy Carol Yelle**

Oct 27 1969 - July 1 2020

Nancy Carol Yelle, 50, of Greenfield, Indiana, died at 8:31 pm, Wednesday, July 1, 2020 in Greenfield, Indiana. She was born October 27, 1969 in Wabash, Indiana to Danny

G. Roth and Linda (Polfus)

Nancy was a 1988 graduate of Wabash High School. She married Kristopher "Kris" Yelle in Wabash on February 2, 2002. She at Hancock Memorial Hospital, retiring after 20 years Friends may call one hour and was also a massage prior to the service Tuestherapist. Nancy enjoyed day, at the funeral home. gardening and farming.

Greenfield, father, Danny com.



G. Roth of Wabash, mother, Linda Collier of California, of Greenfield, and her sister, Wendy (Larry) Whitner of Kenosha, Wiscon-

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Rev. Nathan Whybrew officiating. Buriworked as a pharmacy tech al will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Wabash County.

The memorial guest book She is survived by her for Nancy may be signed at for Bechtol Grocery Companeral Service, Wabash. husband, Kris Yelle of www.grandstaff-hentgen. ny in Wabash for the past 14

#### Michael E. Davenport

Michael E. Davenport, 78, of Wabash, passed away at 11:26 p.m. on Friday, July 3, 2020, at Ashton Creek Healthcare Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992 with Pastor David Phillips offici-

Calling hours will be from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Indiana Tech, Athletic Department, https://giving. indianatech.edu/ways-to

Online condolences can be left for the family on our website at www.mcdonald funerals.com.

#### Clara Maxine Swan

April 10, 1932 - July 6, 2020

Clara Maxine Swan, 88, of rural Lagro, Indiana, died at 12:04 am, Monday July 6, 2020 at her home. She was born April 10, 1932 in Wabash, Indiana to Ira and Anna (Story) Indiana, and Jared Swan of

Clara was a 1950 graduate of Linlawn High School. She preceded in death by her married Robert H. Swan at grandfathers, Billy Butcher the Richvalley E.U.B. Church on May 30, 1952. She owned and operated Clara's Beauty Shop and was also a farmer's wife. Clara was a member of the Lagro United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women, and enjoyed singing in the church. She also enjoyed artistic free hand drawing, decorating senior cords, she painted the murals at the Lagro School, and decorated cakes for several years.

She is survived by her husband, Robert H. Swan of Lagro, four sons, David (Lecretia) Swan and Larry Swan, both of Lagro, Mike Swan of Valdosta, Georgia, and Bobby (Missy) Swan of Lagro, seven grandchildren, Tricia (Mark) Anderson of Greenbrother, Todd Roth Lehner of Lagro, Nicole com.

(Mike) Couch of Dayof Prague, Czech-Republic, Brent (Danielle) Swan of Wabash, Kevin (Casey) Swan of Lincolnville,

Germany, 11 great grandchildren, brother, Don (Sonja) Wilson of Sedona, Arizona, and sister-in-law, Doris Paul of Warren, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother Eugene Wilson, and three sisters, Christine Deeter, Dorothy McKenzie, and Emmalou

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm Thursday, July 9, 2020 at Lagro United Methodist Church, 1100 Main St., Lagro, with Rev. Melissa Rice and Rev. Larry Ray officiating. Burial will be in Lagro Cemetery. Friends may call 4-8 pm Wednesday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Lagro United Methodist Church.

The memorial guest book for Clara may be signed at field, Indiana, Megan (Heath) www.grandstaff-hentgen. and Purdue Basketball. He com.

#### Michael John Sieling

June 19 1956 - July 2 2020

Michael John Sieling, 64, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 10:15 pm, Thursday, July 2, 2020 at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born He was preceded in death by June 19, 1956 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Richard A. and Mark Scott Sieling. Shirley Ann (Scott) Sieling.

Wayne.

He is survived by four siblings, Linda Sieling, Les (Ellen) Sieling, Anne (Michael) Bechtol, and Mary Sieling. his parents, and his brother,

There will be a memorial Mike was a 1974 graduate mass for Mike at a later date. of North Side High School, Inurnment will be in the Chap-Fort Wayne and received his el of Remembrance Mausole-Bachelor's Degree from the um at Memorial Lawns Cem-Indiana University School of etery, Wabash. Arrangements Business. He was the CFO by Grandstaff-Hentgen Fu-

The memorial guest book years. Mike attended the First for Mike may be signed at Presbyterian Church in Fort www.grandstaff-hentgen.

#### **Jackie Ray Dingess**

North Manchester passed away August 15, 2019 at 4:43 a.m. at Parkview Hospital Randallia, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Friends and family may call Wednesday, August 21, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State to McKee Mortuary.

Jackie Ray Dingess, 63, Road 114 West, North Manchester, IN. Funeral services will be held Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. with one hour of calling prior to the service at the funeral home. Pastor J.P. Freeman will officiate and burial will be held at Fairview Cemetery, Servia, IN.

Arrangements are entrusted

#### **David Allen Renkenberger**

Aug 19 1947 - July 2 2020

David Allen Renton, Ohio, Todd Swan kenberger, 72, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 1:11 pm, Thursday, July 2, 2020 at Brookdale of Carmel. He was born

August 19, 1947 in Logan- dren, Jeff (Christina) Ren-F. and Mary E. (Metzger) Renkenberger.

Dave graduated from Lo-1965, and received his BS degree in Industrial Technology from Indiana State University in 1969. He married Belinda Kay Albright at the 9th Street Christian Church in Logansport on July 12, 1969. Dave worked at Wabash Metal Products (MPI), at Diehl Machines, and Wabash Magnetics, and Advanced Engineering in Huntington. He also worked part time at the Honeywell Center in Logansport. Friends may Wabash, 26 years. He was call 4-8 pm Wednesday, at a member of the Wabash the funeral home. Christian Church. Dave enjoyed drag racing, working on the computer, working at

has lived in Wabash since 1971, coming from Logansport.

He is survived by his wife, Belinda Renkenberger Wabash, two

psort, Indiana to Robert kenberger of Austin, Texas, and Christy (Melvin) Webb of Peru, Indiana, and five grandchildren, Daygansport High School in mon Renkenberger, Devin Webb, and Chloe Webb, all of Peru, Margaret Renkenberger and Audrey Renkenberger, both of Austin, Texas. He was preceded in

death by his parents. Funeral services will be 10:00 am Thursday, July 9, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Rev. Carolyn Reed officiating. Burial will be in Ever Rest Memorial Park,

Preferred memorial is Wabash Christian Church.

The memorial guest book the Honeywell Center, and for Dave may be signed at watching the Chicago Cubs www.grandstaff-hentgen.

#### **Kenneth L. Dickey**

Kenneth L. Dickey, 98, 10, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to memory of Kenneth L. by son, Ralph (Dena) Dickey; daughters, Mary Alice (Gail) Weber and Jane

North Manchester passed 7:00 p.m. at McKee Moraway July 4, 2020. The tuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, Dickey will be cherished Indiana. Services for Kenneth L. Dickey will be held July 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. with calling one-hour pri-Anne (Ted) Curless; sis- or.. A graveside service ter, Rose Marie (Kenneth) will be held at 2:30 p.m. at Miller; step-sister, Mary Elm Grove Cemetery, 3500 Ann Rohrer. Calling July IN-124, Bluffton, Indiana.

#### **Betty Marie Lengel**

Funeral Services for Betty Marie Lengel, 93, of Wabash, Indiana, were 10:00 am, Friday, July 3, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Pastor Kirk Johnson officiated. Burial was in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Pallbearers were Larry Lengel, Mike Figert, Jeff Figert, Mitch Figert, Jacob Figert, and Wyatt Brown.

#### Vicki Sue Howell

Funeral services for Vicki Sue Howell, 69, of Wabash, Indiana, will be 12 p.m. Monday, July 6, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Friends may call 10:00 - 12:00 p.m., Monday, at the funeral home.

#### Rickey Lee 'Rick' Baughman

Memorial services for Rickey Lee "Rick" Baughman are 11:00 am Saturday, at Christian Heritage Church. Friends may call 10-11 am Saturday, at the church. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

## 103-year-old woman beats COVID-19

By CARSON GERBER

Kokomo Tribune

KOKOMO — Rosel-World War II and the Great Depression. She's lived and 9/11. She's survived typhoid fever and the Spanish influenza outbreak in

Living Center's Sycamore Village can say she's also survived COVID-19.

virus on May 15. For three weeks, she was quarantined at the nursing home. the facility ended up test-But not once did she show any symptoms.

And on June 2, Bell, who is the oldest resident at the concerned when Bell confacility, tested negative for tracted it. the virus.

mild dementia, is blind and hard of hearing. But none of that took the spunk out of her or dampened her had concerns." sense of humor while she was quarantined.

she'd be just fine during the every day, and not once did active in her church, where said.

pandemic.

"Mother told the nurses, 'I lived through World War II," Miller said. "I la Bell has lived through lived through the Korean Pickering said. "It was dren. and Vietnam wars. I had typhoid fever and lived through 18 U.S. presidents through that, so maybe I'll live through this.'

said. "I was sad when she tested positive, because And now, the 103-year- I thought, at her age, it Miller said. "I told mother old resident at Golden might be the very thing that that the Lord's not through would take her. But, here we are, on the other side."

Bell tested positive for the of nursing at Golden Living Center, said 17 out of the nearly 100 residents at ing positive for the virus. Some died from the illness. So nurses were especially

"Because of her age and Her daughter, Sandra her vulnerability, she was Miller, said her mother has one that we really worried about," Pickering said. "We worry about all our residents, but at 103, we really

But as the days in quarantine passed, Bell stayed In fact, right before nurs- strong and healthy. Pickes tested Bell, she told ering said they took her someone who loved to really come through this them she had a feeling temperature and vital signs serve. Miller said she was and be even stronger," she

breathing or exhibit any other symptoms.

"I was just so shocked," mind blowing. She didn't skip a beat."

Bell tested negative for "And she did," Miller the virus and became a COVID-19 survivor.

"I said 'Praise the Lord!" with you yet."

Now, looking back, Mill-Leslie Pickering, director er said she's not surprised her mom beat the virus, because her mother has always been a survivor. Bell raised her daughter

by herself at their Carroll County home, where they had a large garden. Miller remembers her mom working all day at her factory job in Logansport, and then coming home and working all evening in the garden.

"She is no stranger to hard work," Miller said. "She has a very strong faith, and through a lot of things in COVID-19. her life.'

she have a fever, labored she played the organ. When Miller became a single mother, Bell was there to help raise her grandchil-

"All my life, I remember my mother always being Then, three weeks later, the person who was there to help somebody else – not just her family, but others," Miller said. "She's been a wonderful mother."

Pickering said Bell has also been an inspiration to her. The two have an especially close relationship because Bell and Pickering's youngest child share the same birthday: March 16. Now, watching Bell beat

the coronavirus has inspired all the staff at the facility, Pickering said. "Rosella is kind of our

hero," she said. "She came through like a trooper. She's been through so many things in her life, and it's made her such a strong fighter. She's phenomenal."

For Pickering, Bell has become a kind of beacon I think that has carried her of hope for those who have

"It gives everybody hope Bell was also always that you can be elderly and From page A1

project. This year we went to closed judging, just to protect the kids and judges and to keep people 6 feet apart and just kind of do the social distancing.'

Huston said despite the many changes they have had to make due to the COVID-19 pandemic, participation in this part of the fair was nearly as robust as it ever was.

"We're down a small per-

kids are excited that we're having fair and so we've gotten a big majority of our projects in. So, it's pretty comparable to

years past," said Huston. Also on Tuesday, a Public Fashion Revue has been scheduled at Legacy Hall at the Honeywell Center. And on Wednesday, also at the Honeywell Center, will be the 4-H Queen Coronation and the 10-Year Member and Tenure Recognition during the intermission.

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## **CASES**

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84 percent of ventilators are available. A total of 2,505 Hoosiers

are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of five over the previous day. Another 193 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 526,592 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 521,722 on Sunday.

ISDH is hosting the follow-

■ 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Friday, July 10 at Team Rehabilitation, 223 Chicago Ave., Goshen.

■ 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Friday, July 10 at North Side Gymnasium, 300 Lawrence St., Elkhart.

■ 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Wednesday, July 8 at the Randolph County 4-H Fairgrounds, 1885 Highway 27, Winchester.

■ 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Wednesday, July 8 at Oliver P. Morton High School, 6915 Grand Ave., Hammond.

To find testing locations around the state, visit www. coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing in-

ing free drive-thru clinics this formation link.

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Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

1 Peter 3:8–9

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# COVID pandemic is no time to ask the Supreme Court to kill Obamacare

It is not hard to see the cruelty and incompetence in President Donald Trump's response to the coronavirus pandemic: his repeated efforts to downplay the significance of COVID-19, his badgering of state leaders trying to act responsibly, his refusal to wear a mask in public, his touting of risky miracle cures and his reckless campaign rallies, to name a few.

But perhaps nothing matches this: In the middle of America's worst health crisis in more than a century, the Trump administration is asking the Supreme Court – yet again! – to strike down the Affordable Care Act.

Such an action would mean the end of health coverage for about 20 million people who buy insurance on exchanges created by the ACA. It would also deprive millions who have recently lost their employer-sponsored coverage of the option to purchase coverage on the ACA marketplaces.

The decade-old law, moreover, is the only thing that requires insurers to sell coverage to people with preexisting conditions, which likely will include many thousands who will have ongoing health issues from COVID-19. If the law is struck down, the nation will head back to the era when millions were barred from buying coverage at any price.

Not to worry, say Trump and

Republican attorneys general seeking to have the high court kill the ACA. If that happens, they promise they will replace the despised act with something better, something that would protect people with preexisting conditions. But in 10 years of railing against the ACA, Republicans have yet to put forth a plausible alternative, and they show no sign of coming up with one now.

The ACA, also known as Obamacare, is a practical, if imperfect, law that expanded Medicaid and allows people who don't work for government or large companies to buy coverage for their families on state-run insurance exchanges. In the years since its enactment in 2010, the law has survived repeated efforts to repeal it, have it struck down by courts or undermine it through regulatory changes. Obamacare has endured because it filled a huge hole in coverage that existed before its passage.

The latest effort to kill it is based on Congress' decision in 2017 to repeal the mandate that all individuals buy health coverage or face a penalty. "The entire ACA thus must fall with the individual mandate," the Trump administration argued in its brief filed late last week.

This rickety legal argument has attracted a plethora of responses from health-related groups. Their principal argument could be summed up in three words: Don't do it.

AHIP, the trade association for the insurance industry, says, "Make no mistake: Invalidation of the ACA would wreak havoc on the entire health care system."

The law shouldn't die; it should be enhanced and expanded. A nationwide open enrollment period would provide a safety net for those who've recently lost employer-sponsored insurance along with their jobs. Congressional Democrats have made a series of useful proposals to shore up state exchanges.

Fortunately, the Supreme Court isn't expected to rule on the Obamacare case until after November's election. That will give voters time to consider whether to reelect a president with an irrational hatred of the law championed by his predecessor.

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This editorial was first published in USA Today.

# Better to let Trump talk than be unpleasantly surprised

Pew would argue that the cat's got Donald Trump's tongue.

He talks all the time. The president is so full of words that he needs multiple outlets. When his mouth isn't moving, he's tweeting. Or, in the annals of the unbeknownst, he's twitching. Yes, twitching. Give the man credit for being au courant when it comes to social media.

#### Kathleen Parker



Twitch, for the not-sotrendy, is Amazon's streaming platform, which the company purchased for nearly \$1 billion in 2014. Amazon's founder, Jeff Bezos, who owns the Washington Post, is also a Trump arch-enemy. Trump has had an account since 2019, using his channel to post rallies and speech-

es. But recently, in a move sure to trouble free-speech connoisseurs, Twitch suspended Trump's account for "hateful conduct" related to his speeches.

I realize it's hard to miss something you didn't know existed (my hand is raised), but Twitch seems less virtuous than politically pragmatic. Trump's behavior is hardly new and his words, though often a syllabic tangle of wandering logic, haven't suddenly become offensive.

In defining "hateful conduct," Twitch leaves no base uncovered. It means "any content or activity that promotes, encourages, or facilitates discrimination, denigration, objectification, harassment, or violence based on ... race, ethnicity, national origin; religion; sex, gender, gender identity; sexual orientation; age; disability or serious medical condition; veteran status." Any hateful conduct is considered "a zero-tolerance violation."

Otherwise known as "Donald J. Trump," in other words.

One example cited by Twitch comes from candidate Trump's 2015 speech in which he referred to immigrant Mexicans as rapists and drug dealers, as well as some who are "good people." This statement has become an oft-repeated indictment of the president's perceived xenophobia, racist-nationalist attitudes and his approach to governing.

Trump is notoriously clumsy with the English language, granted, but his supporters believe they know what he meant. Here's my translation: If we don't strengthen our U.S.-Mexican border, criminals, including drug traffickers and rapists, will slip through along with the many good people who wish to live in the greatest country on Earth. Full stop.

That doesn't sound hateful, does it? Without defending Trump, one can at least attempt to be fair. And, while we're at it, we in the media might try to avoid further undermining our credibility. When they know that we know what Trump really means, despite his obviously deteriorating facility with the King's English, distrust in "fake news" becomes reflexive and, ultimately, disastrous. What good is served by the legitimate, fact-checked media if those most in need of reliable information are turned off?

Censoring the president of the United States, even by a non-governmental entity enforcing its own rules of civility, is fraught with potential for collateral damage. Hate or nefarious purposes once revealed in daylight are banished to the darkness where they fester and become more foul. Suppressing someone's thoughts, especially the president's, leads to a suppression of public debate. As Syracuse University's Roy S. Gutterman (and others before him) have put it, the answer to hate speech is more speech.

It isn't the responsibility of social media companies to sanitize the village square, but does that mean they have no responsibility for content? Public opinion may be mixed, but pressures are mounting for companies to step up and clean up their communities. Advertisers, under the banner "Stop Hate for Profit," have begun boycotting Facebook because of its refusal to block the president's posts. Some companies have extended their boycott to rivals, including Twitter.

Reddit went further than Twitch and banned the pro-Trump community or "subreddit" account – "The\_Donald" – along with 2,000 other online communities in a "hate speech" crackdown. CEO Steve Huffman explained that users of the subreddit had been violating the company's policies for years.

So, why take a hard stand now? Politics, of course. Also, George Floyd's death while in police custody has led to a culture-wide awakening and a sense that America needs to clean up its act, not just concerning police brutality or systemic racism but everyday conduct that, untamed, cements a general coarsening and disregard for the human community.

It's about time, though I'd rather we eliminate foul language from the streets and airwaves, than worry about potentially hurtful speech. What is speech but the expression of thoughts? And, how, exactly, should we purge people's unacceptable thoughts?

Such is the quandary of a free society, and so my free thought is this: Let everybody talk, especially the president of the United States, so that we know exactly what they are thinking. Better that than to be unpleasantly surprised.

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## More presidential confusion on trade

It is time to write about foreign trade again, sadly. Over the past few weeks the Trump Administration has been locked in ongoing trade negotiations with China and announced the suspension of perhaps a half million visas for

Michael Hicks



foreign workers.
These two issues are tied closely, as I shall shortly

as I shall shortly explain. Faithful readers of this column will know a few facts about trade deficits. A trade deficit does not affect our

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Product nor make our economy
larger or smaller. Neither does a
trade deficit reduce the number of
American jobs. What trade does
do is improve efficiency in the
economy and shift the types of
jobs available for both American
and foreign workers. Here's how
that works.

The United States is an affluent nation with a productive workforce. Taxpayers invest at least \$150,000 per student to complete high school, and we have a vast network of road, rail, water and air transportation. We have a broad regulatory environment that aims to preserve the health and safety of citizens and the best universities in the world.

For these reasons, we specialize in goods and services that require a skilled workforce, clean and productive land, reliable transportation and advanced technology. For the most part, we import things that require less of all these. This is what rich nations

We are able to import more than we export because other nations lend us money to do so. The reason they do this is that unlike most of the world, investing in the United States is safe. In fact, many current investors accept interest rates that are less than zero, so in effect, pay us to borrow their money. Again, that is a benefit of being a rich, secure nation.

Apparently, the Trump Administration doesn't like this arrangement. They tell American voters that they are going to "rebalance" trade. This, they say, will come about by re-shoring supply chains and will result in more American jobs. This is a seductive promise.

It is also a lie.

In a better world, I'd say the Administration was simply mistaken on trade. Perhaps I could appeal to high school economics, or two centuries of research on trade. But this isn't a mistake, it is an intentional distortion. To prove the Trump Administration is intentionally misleading Americans, I need only outline the hypocrisy of the visa restrictions and what that would do to our export market.

Last year, almost a million foreign students were in U.S. universities. Most of these students require summer jobs to pay for college or come here with the hope of working at a U.S. business after finishing their degree. The Trump Administration effectively put an end to that with the broad visa restrictions they put in place last month. In this lies a deep hypocrisy on trade, which is at the center of the Administration's duplicity.

The U.S. imports almost \$500 billion more in goods than it exports each year. However, we export \$250 billion more in services than we import each year. The U.S. is the world's top exporter of services such as education, financial services and software. Foreign college students and workers are a huge source of the export of services.

If, like the Trump Administration, you think the trade deficit matters, the absolutely last thing you'd do is to cut back on exported services. Instead, you'd want to do all you could to boost exports of services. However, he is doing exactly the opposite. The visa restrictions will decrease our export of services, shrinking the positive balance of trade we have in this area. To be clear, the Trump Administration is accelerating the trade imbalance in the quickest way possible.

Mr. Trump cannot claim that importing more than we export is bad, and then label his historic step to slash exports as good. Honest citizens cannot let him have it both ways.

Now, to be clear, the Trump Administration has always been deeply mistaken about trade. They don't even understand the arguments about trade that informed our own Constitution. But that is not the point I make here. My point is that judged against their own mistaken logic on trade, the visa restriction is poor policy.

The decision to suspend visas will unilaterally reduce our exports of services, and almost certainly shift supply chains for services offshore. I don't hold out much hope this policy will be reversed this year. If anything, the Trump Administration has proven itself unsusceptible to correcting its own gaffes. That is a particularly poor characteristic for an Administration that seems to work overtime in discovering new blunders.

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## Ex-wife balks at inviting other woman to son's graduation

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband of nearly 22 years and I divorced last year after he told me he didn't want to be married anymore and didn't know if he ever loved me. Since

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our split, he has bought a home with another woman – the same woman I suspected him of having an affair with, and the same woman he en-

couraged me

to befriend during our marriage. (I even took her on a trip to Europe.)

Our son is graduating from high school. We are planning a belated, socially distanced graduation party for my son, and my ex wants to bring her. My challenge is that I am with someone new as well, but he is someone who came into my life a couple of months after my ex and I separated. I want him to be at the party, but I don't want her there. I feel our circumstances are quite different.

My son is my priority, so I am leaning toward asking my new significant other not to attend, and then asking that she not attend either. I'm still hurt by their actions. What is the protocol here, and what should I do? - Proud Mom Moving On

**DEAR MOM:** I understand your hurt feelings, but, as you wrote, the party is a celebration of your son's achievement and nothing else. If things turn out as it appears they will, your ex may marry this woman, and she would be to some extent in your life when your son marries, starts a family, etc. (Sorry!)

The saving grace through all of this is you have a new partner in your life who can help buffer you. Fortunately, you will be social distancing, so you won't have to spend much time in her space. While you don't have to welcome this woman with open arms, please observe the social niceties and devote the majority of your time to mingling with the other guests.

**DEAR ABBY:** I met a man many years ago. Shortly afterward, my husband passed away. I was in a tough spot, and this man came to my rescue. He offered me a place to live, but I refused. After a few months, I started receiving love letters from him. I carefully answered them, telling him I had gotten involved with someone else, but if it didn't work out, I might consider dating him.

After about a month, he began showing up at my house. By then I was living with my new man, "Roger." I explained I was in love and he should leave, but he still showed up at my house every couple of months.

I was with Roger for 11 years, but after a battle with heart problems, he died. This man showed up while Roger was in a coma. I told him with much anger several times to please stop coming to my house.

Two days after Roger's death, he again showed up. He asked if it was OK to take me on a date now, and I lost it. I ordered him to never come to my door again and told him I would never date him. He has started sending me love letters again. I don't answer them. He still calls or sends angry letters and still comes by asking if I would like to go on a date. Help! - Fed Up In

Washington **DEAR FED UP:** If you have a lawyer, have him/her write the man a formal letter telling him you have tried to politely discourage his attentions and that if he persists in harassing you, he will be reported to the police as a stalker. Then follow through by filing a report with the authorities.

P.S. If your home is not equipped with a security system, consider installing one. He is creepy.

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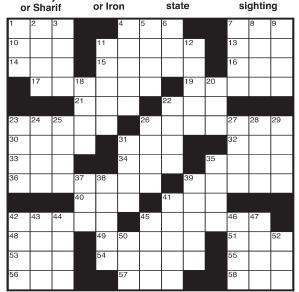
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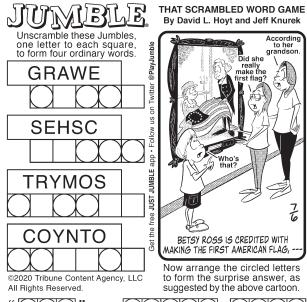
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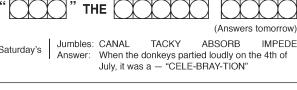
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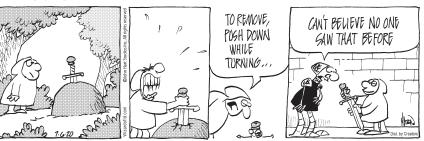
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## God's statue of liberty is represented by the cross

Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** I heard a song about the Statue of Liberty that symbolizes our free-

dom as Amer-Billy icans and Graham what it means My Answer to give alle-

giance to this great nation. It also rang with a wonderful message that the cross of Jesus Christ is the Christian's

Statue of Liberty. Our liberties are being taken away, can our Christian liberty be taken from us? - S.L.

A: During the national observance of the 100th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor there was a great emphasis on the number of legal immigrants who had left everything behind in their mother countries. Coming to America with nothing but the clothes on their backs, they risked

valued and wanted: freedom. They did not take their adopted country's hard-won freedom for granted.

Their experience is a picture of what we must do when we come to Christ. Christians around the world recognize that we must forsake our allegiance to this world, leave behind all that it offers, and become citizens of a new kingdom - the kingdom of God. His statue of liberty is represented by the cross that Jesus died on to win liberty

From the writings of the their lives for something they for the hearts and souls of people around the world.

> As long as we are on this earth, we possess dual citizenship as citizens of our nation and the kingdom of God, but our supreme loyalty is to the King of kings and Lord of lords, and the liberty He offers is secured forever.

> The Bible says, "But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does" (James 1:25).

#### **CELEBRITY CIPHER**

by Luis Campos

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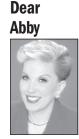
against every form of tyranny over the mind of man." - Thomas Jefferson TODAY'S CLUE: 8 spenba L

**A6** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 Wabash Plain Dealer

## Family breadwinner gives good health short shrift

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a wonderful husband of almost 20 years and two teenage children. My husband is incredibly hardworking in his stressful ca-

reer and has provided a very comfortable life for us. The trouble is, he puts work ahead of any self-care. He works most waking



hours, doesn't eat well, exercises rarely, is overweight – the list goes on. When I ask/encourage/nag him to make positive lifestyle choices, he reminds me of the life insurance he has and turns it around on me and says I am stressing him.

Abby, I love my husband, and I worry that this will cut his life and our life together short. Can you help? - Beside Myself With Worry

**DEAR BESIDE YOURSELF:** I wish I could wave a magic wand and make your husband receptive to what you are trying to do for him. But until he's ready to address these issues and do something about them, nothing will change.

If he enjoys his career and takes pride in the fact that you and your children are and will be - provided for, then he's living the life he has chosen for himself. This does not mean you must give up entirely suggesting healthy lifestyle choices, but perhaps do it a little less often and in terms of activities he might eniov

**DEAR ABBY:** After a long and successful life, my uncle recently passed away. His wife is my mother's sister. During one of our phone calls, she told me she and my cousins had written his obituary and that it would be published soon. To my shock and dismay, I located the obituary and discovered that my sister and I were not mentioned as his niece and nephew. I am still terribly hurt. Why would they do this?

My sister and I grew up spending every major holiday and birthday with my uncle. The obituary did include his other niece and nephew who live on the opposite side of the country and kept in touch only with an occasional phone call and holiday card. I included my cousins in my parents' and sister's obituaries, all of whom have passed in the last few years.

I feel that I must address this with them, but I don't want to add to the pain they are going through while they mourn their loss. I now dread attending the memorial because I'm worried friends of our family may bring it up, and I won't know what to say. - Hurt Nephew In Illinois

**DEAR NEPHEW:** Even when a death is expected, many people go into a state of shock, which interferes with their ability to sequence facts. It is entirely possible that the obituary was written when your aunt and cousins weren't thinking straight, which is why you were omitted. If someone brings it up at the memorial - which I doubt will happen - rather than nurse hurt feelings, I hope you will point out that the family, including you, is grieving. Period.

**DEAR ABBY:** How do you politely ask a neighbor to mow his lawn at reasonable times of the day? Mine seems to be doing it three days a week and always when we want to enjoy our backyard. -Trying To Relax

**DEAR TRYING:** If you are on speaking terms with this neighbor, explain that the noise from his lawnmower interferes with your ability to enjoy your backyard and ask POLITELY if he could schedule it at another hour of the day. If he is a good neighbor, he should be willing to

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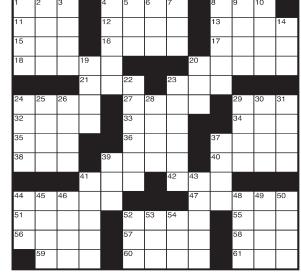
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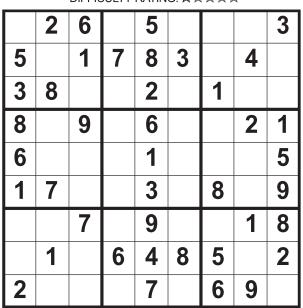
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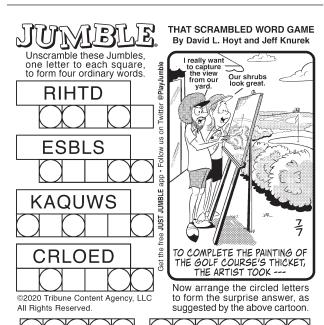
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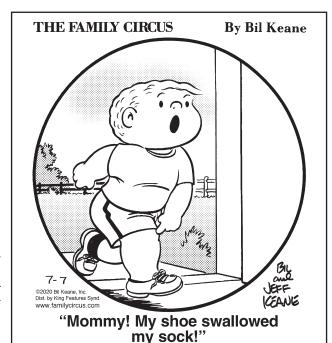


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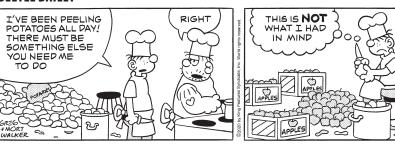
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(Answers tomorrow) CHESS Jumbles: WAGER STORMY TYCOON Betsy Ross is credited with making the first Answer: American flag, - "SEW" THE STORY GOES



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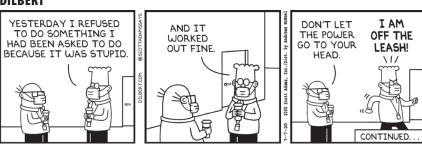


## BC WE'RE GONNA NEED A BIGGER FLY SWATTER

#### **WIZARD OF ID**



#### **DILBERT**



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NOPE!

#### **FORT KNOX**











## We all need other people in our lives

Billy Graham

Q: The pandemic has heightened awareness of our need to be around other people. Isolation is frightening. How do people cope with not seeing others for days or weeks

Billy at a time? -Graham

P.S. A: We're not My Answer meant to be isolated and independent from each other, either as human beings or as Christians. We all

need other people in our lives. The Bible says, "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together,... but exhorting one another" (He-

brews 10:24-25). friends can help us bear in times of crises. But we are

not to worry about our burdens. We are to roll them on

to God's shoulders, looking

to Him for power to sustain

There are burdens our

From the writings of the Rev. and strengthen us. However, it is our duty to help our fellow man bear his burdens.

> Society's boasted about its technological successes, enabling people to communicate moment-by-moment with others around the world. During times of isolation people can now put such technology to use, allowing communication. An old Bell Telephone advertisement said, "Reach out and touch someone." A simple phone call or a handwritten letter can be used of God to brighten the day for souls in and mind that leads to the darkness. Such times are tremendous opportunities for the Gospel message to be shared.

- NVYY JPAAPYY

We need to heed the examples of so many who've been shut in, sometimes for years, who exhibit the joy of the Lord in their days and nights of being alone. It's important to draw strength from one another, but it never replaces the strength that comes from fellowship with the Lord Jesus Himself.

When people find peace with God they are brought into the joy and fellowship with Christ and there is a beneficial effect upon the body preservation of physical and mental power. Rely on Jesus Christ completely.

#### **CELEBRITY CIPHER**

by Luis Campos

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Previous Solution: "My stepfather stepped in where no man would've stepped in - six kids, five of them boys - and that's heroic." - Tim Allen

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's Sale File Number: 85-20-0016-SS Date & Time of Sale: Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 10:00 a m

Sale Location: Wabash County Sheriff's Departnent basement, Miami Street entrance, 79 W. Main St., Wabash, IN Judgment to be Satisfied: \$86,309.74

Cause Number: 85D01-1906-MF-000514 Plaintiff: First Farmers Bank & Trust Defendant: Jeffrey Craig Hipskind

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, dir ected from the Clerk of Wabash Superior Court of Wabash County, Indiana, requireing me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the hour of 10:00 AM of said day as listed above, at 79 West Main Street, Wapash, IN 46992, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Wabash County, Indiana:

Lot Number Six (6), in Section A of Bonbrook Addition to the City of Wabash.

Commonly Known as: 11 Bonbrook Dr., Wabash IN 46992-2102

Parcel No. 85-14-40-113-019.000-009

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7-3.

Ryan Baker, Sheriff of Wabash County By: Connie Rich, Administrative Assistant Phone: (260) 563-8891

Township of property location: Noble Common street address of property: 11 Bonrook Dr, Wabash, IN 46992-2102 Property Tax ID: 85-14-40-113-019.000-009

Attorney: BARRY T. BARNES Attorney Number: 19657-49 \_aw Firm: Feiwell & Hannoy, P.C. Contact Number: (317) 237-2727 E&H Reference #: 101258F01

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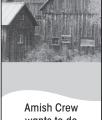
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# Business

## No, the IRS should not try to claw back \$1.4 billion sent to dead people

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has issued a report with the explosive news that almost 1.1 million stimulus payments totaling nearly \$1.4 billion were sent to dead people. Don Moore's deceased wife of 42 years was one of the million.

Moore's wife, Elaine, died last year at 66. But the IRS sent him a letter dated May 13 saying the couple would be getting \$2,400 in stimulus money, which would be direct-deposited into their bank account. The letter clearly assumed Elaine Moore was alive and, hence, eligible for stimulus funds.

"We hope this payment provides meaningful support for you at this time," said the letter signed by President Donald Trump.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (Cares) Act, signed into law March 27, provides up to a \$1,200 economic impact payment for individuals and up to \$2,400 for taxpayers filing a joint return. But the distribution has been beset by glitches – including checks sent to dead people.

The optics of sending stimulus payments to dead people didn't look good for the administration. So, in an offhanded comment on April 17, Trump said the payments should be returned. "Sometimes you send a check to somebody wrong," Trump said in a coronavirus task force press briefing. "Sometimes people are listed, they die, and they get a check. That can happen. ... We'll get that back." But nobody from the IRS communicated this directly

(The Florida widower hasn't received a stimulus payment anyway, not for himself, nor his wife – but that's because of a whole other series of unrelated IRS glitches, too numerous to recount here).

to Moore.

Michelle **Singletary** 



surviving spouses, adult children, and estate administrators, the confusing signals have created anxiety over what to do with

For many

the payments --- and the prospect that the IRS could go after people who have already spent the stimulus money.

Moore learned his wife wasn't entitled to the payment only after he made half a dozen calls to the number listed in the letter bearing Trump's signature, a document the IRS is required to send under the Cares Act. Eventually, Moore was able to reach a live IRS representative, who told him he was only entitled to \$1,200.

"It's frustrating," Moore said. "Unfortunately there is enough stress with the death of a spouse without the IRS adding more."

To make matters worse, this misstep was entirely avoidable.

In 2013, the GAO identified weaknesses in IRS processes that have allowed payments to be made to deceased individuals. The watchdog agency recommended corrective actions, which the IRS put in place. The agency is supposed to use death records to update taxpayers' accounts to prevent improper payments.

But in the rush to get out the stimulus payments, this process was sidestepped. "Bypassing this control for the economic impact payments, which has been in place for the past seven years, substantially increased the risk of potentially making improper payments to decedents," the GAO said in its report.

Gayle Griffith is the personal representative

foradministering the estate of a friend, who died last November.

Under the Cares Act, estates aren't eligible for a stimulus payment. Yet, Griffith received a letter from the IRS dated May 15 indicating her friend, Joan Duprey, who had lived in Honolulu, would receive a \$1,200 stimulus payment by check or a debit card. But next to Duprey's name were the letters "DECD," indicating the IRS knew she was deceased. The promised funds haven't arrived yet.

Even with the federal deficit at an all-time high, trying to chase down \$1.4 billion – a tiny percentage of the \$2.2 trillion stimulus package - is futile, and unfair to the recipients, given that the IRS has a system in place that should have largely avoided sending stimulus payments to dead people in the first place.

On May 6, the IRS issued guidance about ineligible payments. To find the information, recipients had to know to go to the agency's Economic Impact Payment Information Center page at irs.gov and navigate through the frequently asked questions. "Ineligible payment recipients who do not visit IRS's website or do not have Internet access may not be aware of the process to return payments," the GAO report said.

The IRS doesn't even have a plan to directly notify ineligible recipients on how to return payments, the GAO

"If they don't provide a timely, clear way for people to send the money back, I don't think that's right to approach people to get it back," said Griffith, who says she'll return the money if it ever appears. "Ethically, I believe it should be given back. No question in my mind. But practically, I don't think they've created

a situation where people can easily do that."

With the IRS still fielding a reduced staff because of the coronavirus pandemic, their attempts to snatch back the stimulus money aren't cost-effective. The IRS is already overwhelmed, with the tax deadline delayed until July 15. Millions of paper returns with refunds due must be processed. Tax fraudsters trying to steal a lot more than \$1, 200 have to be pursued.

And the agency is still trying to send legitimate stimulus payments to eligible Americans.

"As of today, I still haven't received a relief check, and I'm a non-filing Social Security recipient," said Guy Walker from Hillsdale, N.Y.

Is the IRS really going to allocate resources to track down surviving spouses or heirs to recover stimulus money that the recipients honestly didn't know they couldn't spend? After all, the intent of the economic impact payments was to stimulate the economy.

Yes, it's shocking that \$1.4 billion in stimulus payments were sent to dead people. But it's too late for the IRS to try to claw back those funds. Let it go.

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## Duke Energy names new managing director for government affairs in Ind.

Laura Johnson began her work at Duke Energy in 2013

**Staff Report** 

Duke Energy President Stan Pinegar has announced the promotion of Laura Johnson to the position of managing director, government affairs in Indi-



immediately, according to Lew Middlesenior communications consultant.

Johnson, the company's senior government affairs specialist, will lead the utility's government affairs work and will be responsible for state government strategies and interests of the company, its customers and stakeholders.

2013, has 14 years of gov-tion studies.

ernment affairs experience and extensive knowledge of the energy industry. Before joining Duke Energy, she held government affairs positions with the Indiana Association of Realtors, the law firm of Faegre Drinker and the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

Johnson has also served as the president of the board of the Government Affairs Society of Indiana and is a ana, effective member of the Indiana 211 Partnership board of directors. She is also a mentor in the Helping ONE Student to Succeed program.

Johnson has participated in many Duke Energy employee programs including serving as the chair of the Busiwho most recently served as ness Women's Network and the Indiana chapter sponsor of the New 2 Duke employee resource group.

Johnson is a volunteer for several central Indiana organizations, including Girls on relationships affecting the the Run of Central Indiana chapter. She earned a bachelor's degree from Ball State Johnson, who began her University in 2005 in politiwork at Duke Energy in cal science and communica-

## Do Just One Thing

When it's time to replace your mattress, you might wonder what you should do with your old one. If it's in decent shape, you should try to find a friend or family member who needs or would be willing to take it, since most nonprofits do not accept used mattresses. But if it's in bad shape and ready to be disposed of, the good news is that it is recyclable. Approximately 90 percent of the materials used facilities near you.

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## Judge orders Dakota Access pipeline shut down pending review

By DAVE KOLPACK Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. — A judge on Monday ordered the Dakota Access pipeline shut down for additional environmental review more than three years after it began pumping oil - handing a victory to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and delivering a blow to President Donald Trump's efforts to weaken public health and environmental protections it views as obstacles to businesses.

In a 24-page order, U.S. District Judge James Boasberg in Washington, D.C., wrote that he was "mindful of the disruption" that shutting down the pipeline would cause, but that it must be done within 30 days. Pipeline owner Energy Transfer Partners plans to ask a court to halt the order and will seek an expedited appeal, spokeswoman Vicki Granado said.

The order comes after Boesberg said in April that a more extensive review was necessary than what the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers already conducted and that he would consider whether the pipeline should be shuttered during the new assessment.

"The Court does not reach its decision with blithe disregard for the lives it will affect," Boasberg wrote Monday.

"Yet, given the seriousness of the Corps' NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) error, the impossibility of a simple fix, the fact that Dakota Access did assume much of its economic risk knowingly, and the potential harm each day the pipeline operates, the Court is forced to conclude that the flow of oil must cease," he added.

The findings may challenge the legal footing for the Trump administration's most environmental momentous rollbacks. Trump surrounded

himself with industry leaders and workers in hard hats this January when he announced plans to overhaul the rules for enforcing NEPA.

The Dakota Access pipeline was the subject of months of protests in 2016 and 2017, sometimes violent, during its construction near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation that straddles the North Dakota-South Dakota border. The tribe pressed litigation against the pipeline even after it began carrying oil from North Dakota across South Dakota and Iowa and to a shipping point in Illinois in June 2017.

The \$3.8 billion, 1,172-mile pipeline crosses beneath the Missouri River, just north of the reservation. The tribe draws its water from the river and fears pollution.

"This pipeline should have never been built here. We told them that from the beginning," Standing Rock Sioux Chairman Mike Faith said in a statement.

Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners contends proper procedures were followed in granting the original easement for the pipeline, Granado said.

"The economic implications of the Judge's order are too big to ignore and we will do all we can to ensure its continued operation," she said. "Billions of dollars in tax and royalty revenue will be lost by state, local and tribal governments in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois. Farmers will suffer as crude transportation will move to rail, displacing corn, wheat and soy crops that would normally be moved to market. Ironically, the counties along these rail lines will face increased environmental risks due to the increased amount of crude oil traveling by rail."

Ron Ness, president of the North Dakota Petroleum Council, decried what he called a "shocking" ruling and noted that the pipeline is movoil a day.



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